

Cowgirls have experience returning to hard court

By Greg Stover
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The Cowgirls basketball team opens the season next Friday with a home game against Chase County High School of Imperial, Neb.

Coach Don Smith has 19 girls out for the team, including 16 players returning from last year, eight of the them returning letter winners. The roster includes two seniors, six juniors, nine sophomores and two freshmen.

The seniors are Whitney Carmichael, a letter-winner last season, and Jennifer Enfield who saw ex-



Coach Smith



Bedore



Archer

tensive action on the junior varsity. Two of the six juniors are letter-winners from last year, Justeen Koehler and Melissa Swager. Jordan Frazier, Andrea Grieve and Megan Rubio all had plenty of playing time

last year, while this is Briana Taylor's first season with the Cowgirls. Letter-winners among the returning sophomores include Dani Bedore, Whitney Archer, Emily Murray, Lindsey Schields and Kaylee Billinger. Sophomores Alicia Studer, Stephanie Sheldon, Nicolette Clancy and Amber Cowan all saw junior varsity or C

team action last year.

Bedore was a Northwest Kansas All-League pick last season and Archer received honorable mention.

Just two freshmen came out for the team, Samantha Raymer and Jessica Swager. Smith said he was disappointed in the freshman turn-out, which forced cancellation of the girls C team schedule, at least until after the Christmas break.

Practice started on Nov. 15. Smith said he has been concentrating on team fundamentals and is pleased with the effort the players have put out.

He said the big bunch of returning letter-winners makes for strong competition as players battle for spots on the varsity and in the starting lineup.

"The more competitive we are in practice," said Smith, "the better we will be against other teams."

Assisting Smith this year is Curt Minner of Western Insurance Agency who helped coach junior high basketball the past two seasons. He played for Smith as a Cowboy and later for Southwestern College in Winfield.

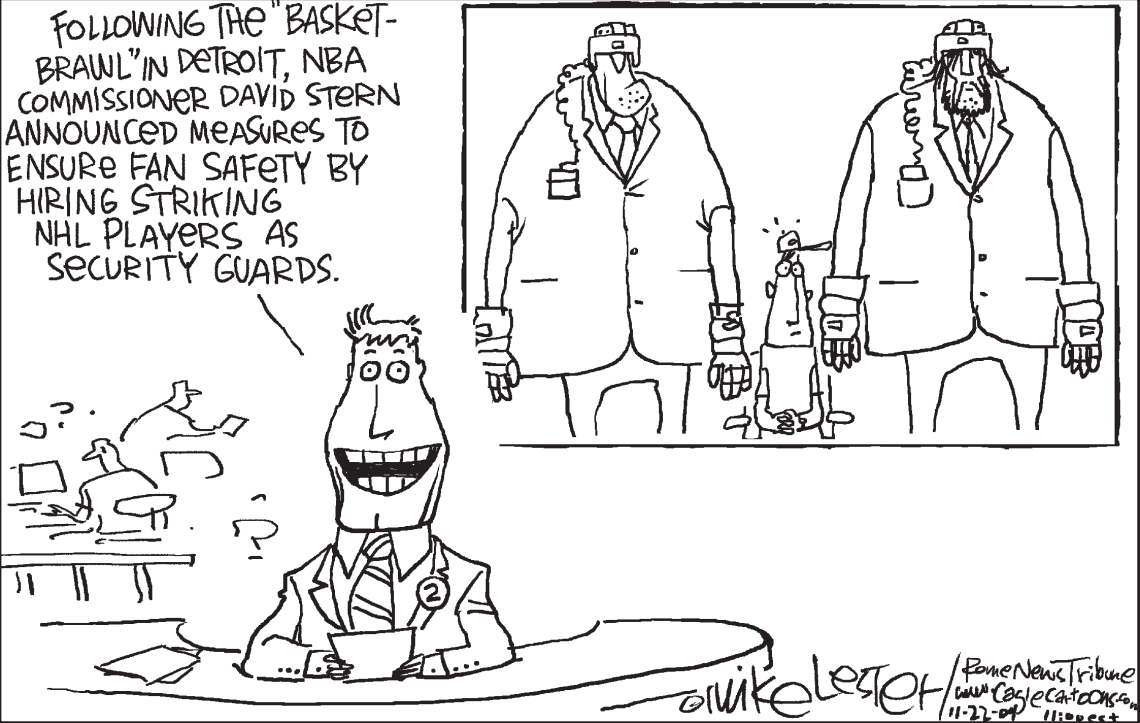
This year's managers are sopho-

mores Kerri Bellamy and Hannah Burkett. Senior Emily Burkett is the Cowgirls' student trainer.

Smith said the season opener against the Lady Longhorns is coming up fast. The Cowgirls defeated Chase County 71-56 to open last season.

In preparation for next Friday, the Cowgirls will play an intrasquad scrimmage with officials Tuesday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Tipoff is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

The Cowboys will play a scrimmage on Monday, same time and place.



Goodland athlete honored for season

Sophomore wide receiver Don Raymer, who led the Garden City Community College football team in receptions this season, received honorable mention from the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference.

Raymer, a 2003 graduate of Goodland High, caught 41 passes for 561 yards and scored four touchdowns for the Broncbusters. He also led the team in punt returns with 14, averaging over eight yards per return.

Don is the son of Steve and Debra Raymer of Goodland.

Sophomore defensive lineman J.C. Zahradnik of Butler County Community College also received

honorable mention. Zahradnik recorded 45 tackles this season, including seven sacks, and recovered two fumbles.

Zahradnik is a grandson of Dale and Iva Lee Stephens of Goodland and Ernie and Rosalie Seemann of Levant.

The Grizzlies of Buter County, the defending national champions, are 11-0 and ranked No. 1 by the National Junior College Athletic Association. They will play No. 2 Pearl River Community College (Miss.), also 11-0, for the national title Sunday in the Dalton Defenders Bowl. Kickoff will be at 2 p.m. (Central Time) at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Coffeyville.

Weekend sports television schedule

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 27 MORNING

10:00 22/56 ESPN College Football Wake Forest at Maryland. (Live) (CC)
11:00 4/6 ABC College Football Regional Coverage—Missouri at Iowa State, Syracuse at Boston College or Virginia at Virginia Tech. (Live)
99/36 WGN College Basketball John R. Wooden Tradition — Gonzaga vs. Illinois. From Indianapolis. (Live) (CC)

AFTERNOON

12:00 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC College Football State Farm Bayou Classic — Grambling State vs. Southern. From New Orleans. (Live) (CC)
54/57 ESPN2 College Gameday Now (Live) (CC)
12:30 54/57 ESPN2 College Football Cincinnati at Louisville. (Live) (CC)
1:00 7/11 CBS College Football Today (Live) (CC)
22/56 ESPN College Gameday Scoreboard (Live) (CC)
30/55 FXSP College Football Saturday Kickoff (Live)
1:30 7/11 CBS College Football Georgia Tech at Georgia. (Live) (CC)
30/55 FXSP College Football Oklahoma State at Texas Tech. (Live)
99/36 WGN College Basketball John R. Wooden Tradition—Cincinnati vs. Purdue. From Indianapolis. (Live) (CC)
2:30 4/6 ABC PGA Golf Merrill Lynch Skins Game — Front Nine. From La Quinta, Calif. (Live) (CC)
3:30 54/57 ESPN2 NFL Live (Live) (CC)
4:00 22/56 ESPN SportsCenter (Live) (CC)
54/57 ESPN2 College Football NCAA Division I-AA First Round — New Hampshire at Georgia South-

ern. (Live) (CC)
5:00 22/56 ESPN College Gameday Scoreboard (Live) (CC)
30/55 FXSP Women's College Basketball LSU or Maryland at Colorado. (Live)
5:30 99/36 WGN NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Cleveland Cavaliers. From Gund Arena in Cleveland. (Live) (CC)
5:45 22/56 ESPN College Football Boise State at Nevada. (Live) (CC)

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28 MORNING

10:00 7/11 CBS NFL Today Host Greg Gumbel; with Boomer Esiason, Dan Marino, Marcus Allen and Shannon Sharpe. (Live) (CC)
13/7 FOX Fox NFL Sunday (Live) (CC)
30/55 FXSP Broncos Countdown to Kickoff '04 (Live)
11:00 7/11 CBS NFL Football San Diego Chargers at Kansas City Chiefs. From Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. (Live) (CC)
13/7 FOX NFL Football Philadelphia Eagles at New York Giants. From Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. (Live) (CC)
22/56 ESPN PBA Bowling Pepsi Open. From Wichita, Kan. (Live) (CC)

AFTERNOON

1:30 4/6 ABC PGA Golf Merrill Lynch Skins Game — Back Nine. From La Quinta, Calif. (Live) (CC)
2:00 7/11 CBS NFL Football Baltimore Ravens at New England Patriots. From Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass. (Live) (CC)
30/55 FXSP College Basketball Northwestern at Colorado. (Live)
5:00 22/56 ESPN SportsCenter (Live) (CC)
5:30 22/56 ESPN NFL Primetime (Live) (CC)

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Basketball Monday, boys scrimmage in fieldhouse 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, girls scrimmage in fieldhouse 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 3, in Goodland against Imperial 5:30 p.m.

Wrestling Thursday, at Hoxie 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 4, varsity in St. Francis 8:30 a.m. and junior varsity tournament in Goodland 9 a.m.

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